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SUBJECT: CORONATION ARRANGEMENTS

REF: KATHMANDU 0392

1. IN VIEW OF THE UNWILLINGNESS OF THE DEAN OF THE DIPCORPS TO TAKE UP IN THE CORPS THE MATTER OF ATTIRE FOR THE CORONATION, FRENCH AMBASSADOR TOUSSAINT CONVENED A MEETING OF A NUMBER OF RESIDENT MISSIONS OF COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NOT BOUND BY TRADITIONAL NATIONAL DRESS FOR AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF DRESS FOR THE VARIOUS CORONATION EVENTS. PRESENT WERE AMBASSADORS OR CHARGES AND THEIR WIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES: FRANCE, US, UK, ISRAEL, GERMANY, JAPAN, KOREA, THAILAND, EGYPT AND ITALY.

2. FOLLOWING IS CONSENSUS WHICH EMERGED FOR THE EIGHT CORONATION EVENTS LISTED IN REFTEL:

EVENT NO. 1 (RECEPTION AT ROYAL PALACE): BLACK TIE; LONG EVENING DRESS.

EVENT NO. 2 (CULTURAL PROGRAM AT ROYAL ACADEMY: SAME AS EVENT NO. 1.

EVENT NO. 3 (CORONATION ITSELF): MORNING COAT; LONG DRESS WITH COAT FOR WARMTH, TIARA OR SMALL HAT.

EVENT NO. 4 (PROCESSION AND PROGRAM AT TUNDIKHEL): SAME AS EVENT NO. 3.

EVENT NO. 5 (DINNER AT ROYAL PALACE): WHITE TIE; LONG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EVENING DRESS, TIARA AS APPROPRIATE.

EVENT NO. 6 (PRIME MINISTER'S LUNCH AT FOREIGN MINISTRY):

DARK BUSINESS SUIT; SHORT DRESS OR SUIT WITH HAT.

EVENT NO. 7 (OPENING OF DEVELOPMENT EXHIBITION): SAME AS

EVENT NO. 6.

EVENT NO. 8 (RECEPTION AT ROYAL PALACE): SAME AS EVENT NO. 1.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ABOVE WILL BE FORWARDED TO CAPITALS BY
THE PARTICIPANTS AS SUGGESTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING
DRESS

BASED ON INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS NOTED ABOVE.

4. WE HOPE RESULTS OF EXERCISE INITIATED BY AMBASSADOR TOUSSAINT
WILL BE OF SOME HELP TO DEPARTMENT IN PROVIDING GUIDANCE ON MATTER
OF ATTIRE FOR CORONATION. (IF THE ABOVE SUGGESTIONS ARE IN THE
BALL PARK, AND SINCE VARIATIONS MAY IN SOME CASES BE INDICATED AT
LEAST AS A RESULT OF THE FINAL TIMING OF EVENTS AND THEIR PROXIMITY
TO PRECEDING OR FOLLOWING EVENTS, THE SIMPLEST GUIDANCE TO MALE
PARTICIPANTS MAY BE TO TAKE BLACK TIE, WHITE TIE AND MORNING COAT
AND THAT MORE PRECISE DRESS INDICATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED IN
KATHMANDU.

5. DOUG HECK HAS ASKED US ABOUT DRESS FOR CORONATION. ASSUME
YOU WILL PASS HIM APPROPRIATE ADVICE.
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